

Jefferson County Schools

Telecommunication Devices

A student in the JCPS District may not use/activate and/or display a telecommunication device on school property during the course of the school day unless he or she is acting in the capacity of a volunteer firefighter or Emergency Medical Service worker. Telecommunication devices include pagers, cellular telephones, and other telecommunication devices as defined by KRS 158.165. This offense will be treated as “refusal to follow directives” under the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline [possible discipline—in-class discipline measures, parent/guardian conferences, short term suspensions (1-5 days)]. In addition, the telecommunication device will be confiscated by an administrator and may be returned only to the parent/guardian. Students are responsible for keeping up with devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought on school property.

Fayette County Schools

X. PERSONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OR LASER POINTER DEVICE

Personal telecommunications device is defined as a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor, including but not limited to a paging device, cellular telephone, or personal digital assistant. Personal telecommunications devices shall not be used, turned on nor activated by students as follows: (1) during the school instructional day; (2) while being transported at any time on a Fayette County school bus; or (3) while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities that are held during the instructional day. Instructional day is defined as the first bell of the day through the last bell of the day. Sharing data between students via cable, peer-to-peer networking or infra-red during a classroom activity is permitted only with teacher approval. Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis. At no time shall a student have possession of a laser pointer device while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity. Any person who discovers a student using a personal telecommunications device, other related electronic device, or laser pointer device in violation of this policy shall report the violation to the Principal. The Principal or appropriate school employee shall confiscate the device. The following are consequences for students who violate this policy: (See Terms and Definitions for definition of “personal telecommunications device.”)

1st Violation Confiscation of device and return to student’s parent.

2nd Violation Confiscation of device and return to student’s parent at the end of five (5) school days.

3rd Violation Appropriate consequence determined by Principal as outlined in Behavior Consequence Charts [up to suspension of 1-10 days].

Failure to turn device over when requested shall be considered “defiance.”

Madison County Schools

26. TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES:

Possession and Use

While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, whether on or off school property, students shall be permitted to possess and use personal telecommunications devices¹ as defined by law, and other related electronic devices, provided they observe the following conditions:

A. Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a certified employee authorizes the student to do otherwise, devices shall be turned off and operated only before the student enters the school building and after the last dismissal bell of the day. When students violate this prohibition, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property. In addition, the device shall be confiscated by a school employee and turned over to an administrator, and shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.

B. Students are responsible for keeping up with devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.

C. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

D. Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District's Acceptable Use policy or procedures or its Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline. When a student enters the school building, all phones are to be turned off until the end of school day bell. Violation of this policy will result in the phone being confiscated and turned over to a principal.

First Offense: The phone will be returned to the student's parent/guardian only.

Second Offense: The phone will be returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the semester.

Level II (one detention, phone confiscated and returned to parent), III (two detentions, phone confiscated and returned to parent at end of semester), IV (in-school suspension), and V (suspension) Offenses

6. HARASSMENT (KRS 525.070):

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E. Use of an electronic device to send harassing messages is considered cyberbullying and is a violation of Kentucky State Law.